The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Superintendent's Office, April Hth , 1895. How. John G. Carlisle. Secretary of Treasury, Washington. D.C. Dear Siv: Your letter and in closure was received this enorning, and in answer I beg to respectfully report The following facts surrounding my business relations with Mr. Elas Hill Who through his Attorney, Go. It Marker Esq. has laid complaint against one to you: I did on Och 2d 1894, borrow \$130. from her. Ofill, he charging one 20 for The use of the same for 60 days. For which I Eascuted my judgment note for \$ 50.

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RG104 E-1 Box 189 Bureau of the Mint. Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia, Pa., SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Respectfully referred, by direction of the Secretary, to apr 4 , 1895 the director of the SUBJECT: Chief of Appointment Division. aus as to his indiblidness to Elias Will Burace of Mist. respectfully repend to Luf mirat Hilladelpling. Bureau of the REC, MAY No. of Inclosures,

[Abstract:] Ans. As to his indebtedness to Elias Hill.

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Hon. John G. Carlisle, Secretary of Treasury Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and inclosure was received this morning, and in answer, I beg to respectfully report the following facts surrounding my business relations with Mr. Elias Hill who through his Attorney, Geo. W. Marter Esq. has laid complaint against me to you: I did on Oct. 2d 1894, borrow \$130 from Mr. Hill, he charging me \$20 for the use of the same for 60 days, and for which I executed my judgement note for \$150.

At that time I had title to a property situated at #1824 S. Carlisle St. Philada. and against which his judgement note was entered in the ordinary way, I paying \$1.12 for its entry in our courts of record. Just previous to the maturing of said note I went to Mr. Hill and told him of my inability to meet the note at maturity and asking for an extension of time which was granted. Subsequently my property was seized and sold at Sheriff sale on Feb. 4th 1895. Because of circumstances over which I had no control. And since that time I have been struggling to support my family consisting of a wife and 6 children and pay a few debts which were incurred since my employment by U.S. Government.

Honorable Sir: my efforts have been directed towards cancelling this debt, contracted with this <u>usurious</u> gentleman who has employed all means dishonorable to traduce and humiliate me – even going so far as to threaten my life because of my inability thus far to meet his demands.

How my intentions are, to get the full amount of this claim together at my earliest opportunity and pay him all at one time. And thereby release myself from the grasp of this enemy who is now seeking to destroy one.

Honorable Sir: I appeal to your fairmindedness and ask you do you think he is doing me justice? Deeply regretting the circumstances surrounding this matter, having been brought to your Official attention.

I beg to remain Honorable Sir, Yours very respectfully, W.S. Thomas

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[Typed notes on back of letter:]

Treasury Department Appointment Division, May 7, 1895

Respectfully referred, by direction of the Secretary, to the Director of the Mint.

H. Kretz Chief of Appointment Division. R.

Bureau of Mint May 9, 1895

Respectfully referred to Supt. U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

R.E. Preston Director of Mint.